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ROCKFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY OF ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

Today in federal court, **CORVET T. WILLIAMS**, 23 (DOB: 7/22/83), Rockford, was charged by a criminal complaint with the September 5th, 2006, armed bank robbery of the Associated Bank at 3402 North Main Street, Rockford. According to the criminal complaint, two men armed with handguns and wearing masks and gloves, arrived at the bank on the morning of September 5, 2006, robbed the bank, and then fled. The complaint states that during the afternoon of September 5, 2006, Rockford Police Detectives arrested Williams, and inside the vehicle Williams was driving, police found a large amount of United States currency, including money that had been taken during the robbery.

This morning, FBI Special Agents took Williams into federal custody on the criminal complaint. This morning, Williams appeared before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney, who ordered that Williams be held in custody until a bond hearing is conducted on September 7, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.

The charge of armed bank robbery contained in the criminal complaint carries a maximum possible penalty of 25 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, five years of supervised release, and full restitution. If convicted, the actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Michael F. Iasparro.

Members of the public are reminded that a criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and, if indicted, a fair trial at which time the government has the burden of proving guilt of the defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.